NSSO survey on child labour

983. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI C. RAMCHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to NSSO survey, more than 16 Million children are engaged as child labour in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plans or approach to end the problem of child labour; and

(c) whether Government are considering more National Child Labour Projects for rescued child workers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) According to NSSO survey 1999-2000, the magnitude of child labour was 10.40 million.

(b) and (c) Government is committed to the goal of elimination of child labour in all its forms beginning with children working in hazardous occupations/processes. Government is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 districts of 20 States in the country. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided basic education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care in order to prepare them to be mainstreamed into formal schooling system.

Strike in jute mills in West Bengal

984. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a joint memorandum from Central trade unions to intervene into the ongoing strike in jute mills of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?